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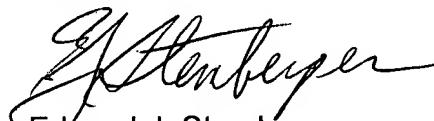
With regard to the objection to the drawings by the draftsperson, formal drawings were filed on August 8, 2001. Please acknowledge receipt of the formal drawings. Please note that this application was published with the formal drawings.

Claims 1-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The claims have been carefully reviewed and revised, bearing in mind the Examiner's rejection. In particular, reference to an axis has been removed from claims 1 and 11. The channels have been defined as extending toward the open ends of the body.

Claims 1-6 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Sapp. Claim 1 has been amended to define the invention more clearly and thus, obviate the rejection. In particular, claim 1 as amended defines a rigid, hollow body having first and second opposing opened ends for receiving drum heads to cover the open ends, the body having an inner surface and an outer surface, at least the outer surface being of convoluted form, wherein the convoluted form is defined by elongated channels in the body, the channels extending towards said ends. The channels 10 of Sapp extend in a direction transverse to the ends 11 of the drum. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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